

HOUSE DEMOCRATS
DISLIKE SECRECY

Unable to Find Out What Committee Will Report on Sugar Tariff

WILL HOLD CAUCUS TO-DAY

Rumor Current That Staple Will Be Put on the Free List.

Washington, February 28.—Democrats of the House will caucus tomorrow on the revised sugar tariff schedule, and other revenue measures. The Ways and Means Committee's report to the caucus on sugar, which has been so carefully guarded from publicity, is not absolutely known to the Democrats themselves. Chairman Underwood and other members of the committee have steadfastly refused to tell even their own colleagues what their recommendation is, and that attitude aroused a feeling among members to-day.

Representative Landard, of Louisiana, after attempting to find out directly from Mr. Underwood what the report would be, issued a statement attacking the Ways and Means Committee for its secrecy.

Two reports were current to-night as to what will be the recommendation of the committee. The one most favored as a guess is that sugar will be placed on the free list. The outline of this reported solution of the problem is:

All sugars to be placed on the free list. To make up for the revenue that would thus be lost—approximately \$5,000,000 a year—separate schedules will be submitted to the caucus, one increasing an ad valorem tax of 54 per cent on raw silk, which is now on the free list, from which would be derived an estimated revenue of \$1,000,000 a year; another placing an ad valorem tax of from 11 to 12 per cent on crude rubber, from which would be derived about \$1,000,000. This plan would provide for the loss of the \$5,000,000 in revenue.

Although many members of the House declared to-night that they were confident such recommendations would be made by the committee, there were others who insisted that there would be a report compromising the differences in the party, and the bill would provide a cut in the customs duty to an equivalent of about 30 cents a hundred pounds on refined sugar, the other revenue to be derived either from an internal revenue tax of from one-quarter to one-half a cent a pound on sugar, or a slight tax on silk and rubber.

Failure to Force Vote. Washington, February 28.—Senator Hayburn today unsuccessfully attempted to force the Senate to "impeach" the House for its refusal to elect a committee to investigate the charges against the House of Representatives.

China Congratulated. Washington, February 28.—The House today by unanimous consent congratulated the Republic of China upon their assumption of the responsibility of self-government.

More Aid for Colleges. Washington, February 28.—The House today began hearings on the bill of Representative Lever of South Carolina, providing for increased Federal appropriations for the aid of the State agricultural colleges. The bill contemplates an initial appropriation of \$500,000 to be gradually increased each year until at the expiration of ten years \$1,000,000 will be available annually for agricultural education. The object sought by the bill is to have, through the co-operation of the national government and those of the several States, a field agricultural expert in every county.

The measure was prepared by the executive committee of the land grant colleges and Howard H. Gross, president of the National Soil Fertility State agricultural colleges and farm organizations appeared before the committee to advocate the bill.

Sale—Herr. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., February 28.—Dan W. Sale of this city, and Miss Ruth Herr, daughter of B. Whitney Herr, formerly of Louisville, Ky., were married last night at the home of the bride in Dayton, O. Mr. Sale is prominent in T. P. A. of the State, having been a State officer for some years. After a bride trip Mr. and Mrs. Sale will live at 910 Taylor Street, Lynchburg.

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Raleigh, N. C., February 28.—With the action of the State Republican Executive Committee in adopting the resolution "indorsing and commending" the administration of President Taft, declaring him to be the embodiment of progressive conservatism, and commending "these suggestions to the sober second thought of the people," the real fight between the supporters of Taft and of Roosevelt in this State for the control of the delegation to the national convention at Chicago is on in earnest, and will wax hotter and hotter until the State convention gathers here May 15 to name the delegates to the national convention. Developments are expected thick and fast as the contest advances. It is a notable fact that State Chairman Morehead is appealing for an uninstructed delegation to the national convention, on the ground that this is an essential need in order to retrieve the Republicans of this State along with those in all the Southern States, of being "chatties" in the hands of politicians, to be delivered in exchange for Federal patronage.

The question raised as to the attitude of National Committeeman E. C. Duncan as between the two presidential candidates, through the report that he was to manage the Southern campaign for Roosevelt, and his saying no word to indicate his turning against President Taft, put prognosticators at sea as to his course. The fact that Major Butler, brother of Marion Butler, voted against the Taft resolutions has given rise to the surmise that Marion Butler may be contemplating getting on the Roosevelt band wagon.

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One of the most significant developments of the committee meeting and the banquet was the announcement of the return of Thomas Settle to the State to get into the race for Governor on the Republican ticket, and to have a return to local option conditions instead of the three Benon young men. This seems to be the program, and the return of the followers of Judge J. C. Pritchard in the party will do about this is a question. He is pledged to oppose even his party candidates if they are out in a fight against prohibition. The possibilities for developments in the impending campaign are numerous.

A \$1,000 cash bond was given late last night for Maynard Mosley, who is held by the coroner as an important witness in the noted case of the assassination of the three Benon young men, Johnson, Jermain and Porter in the Wilson Apartments. Mosley had been taken in custody early in the afternoon. Frank Wilson, proprietor of the apartments and early had offered personal or private bond, and this being refused, the \$1,000 in cash was placed in the hands of the sheriff for the release of Mosley. F. W. Goss is still in jail, he being held in custody of the jury that the deaths were through asphyxiation, due to foul play. The case is to be aired further by the grand jury for the March term of Wake Criminal Court.

The Wilmington Door and Lumber Company, of Wilmington, was chartered to-day with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$40,000 subscribed, for a general lumber milling business. L. O. Parrish and J. R. Stephenson being the principal incorporators. Other charters were for the Farmers' cooperative Company, of Franklin county, Louisa, capital \$25,000, by F. P. Fuller and others; the North State Milling Company, Greensboro, capital \$25,000, by G. G. Hendrick and others; the Herndon Hardware Co., Chapel Hill, capital \$8,500, by S. L. Herndon and others; the Geo. A. Hurst Co., Jacksonville, capital \$7,000; the Jones Hap and Lock Co., Warrenton, capital \$10,000, for making haps and locks and dealing in hardware.

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THIRD TERM CRAFT
PILOTED BY DIXON

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cal work for President Taft or Colonel Roosevelt in the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination has been brought before the Civil Service Commission.

Edwin M. Lee, of Indianapolis, former chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Indiana, who is reported to be active in Colonel Roosevelt's campaign, called for a ruling in a telegram which he addressed to Chairman John C. Black.

Lee asks the commission to say if some Federal officeholders will be permitted to work for Colonel Roosevelt, if others are permitted to work for President Taft, he wants to know what punishment will be administered to those who may violate the prohibition against political activity, and asks if a Federal officeholder will be disturbed in his office if he refuses to take part in the contest.

Questions From Lee. While the Republican National Committee was meeting in Washington last December, Lee issued a statement declaring that President Taft could not carry Indiana. Later he was defeated for re-election as chairman of the Indiana State Central Committee. Copies of the correspondence between Lee and Chairman Black were made public here to-night. Lee's telegram was as follows:

"For certain reasons, many officeholders under the civil service in Indiana are now active in politics for the purpose of securing delegates for Mr. Taft to the Chicago convention. Many of these are civil service law violators. If some Federal officeholders are permitted to work for President Taft, will others be permitted to work for Colonel Roosevelt? If no Federal officeholder can take part in this contest, but under the civil service law must remain neutral, what is the punishment for their taking part?"

"Many of those working for Mr. Taft do not wish to do so, but are led to believe that they must. In case any Federal officeholder refuses to take part in the contest, will he be disturbed in his office because he does refuse?"

"An answer to these questions is earnestly desired, because it is important not only from the points of view of the square deal, but also from a clear understanding of what the civil service law requires under all the circumstances stated and whether it is to be enforced."

Chairman Black's reply to the three direct questions follows:

"First.—The commission is not aware that some Federal officeholders are permitted to work for any candidate. The commission exercises its jurisdiction with strict impartiality. Inquiries into the activities of competitive employees violating the act and rules without regard to their political affiliations, and makes such recommendations as the nature of the case demands, irrespective of political considerations. The conclusion is obvious, that the commission cannot permit any person over whom it has jurisdiction to be improperly active in political affairs.

As to the Punishment. "Second.—With reference to the punishment to be inflicted upon a person found to have been politically active in violation of the civil service act and rules, it is to be observed that punishment will depend upon the nature and degree of the activity and will extend to criminal prosecution, separation from the service, or lesser discipline, as the case may seem to require and the law and rules provide.

"Third.—In reply to the inquiry whether a Federal officeholder will be disturbed in his office because he refuses to take an active part in the campaign, your attention is invited to the executive order of February 8, 1912, revising the civil service rule relating to the activities of competitive employees. That rule applies to persons in no competitive service, and, of course, has no application to Federal officers whose appointments are made by the President. Your attention is also invited to the executive order of December 30, 1911, showing that the act is to be enforced upon rural carriers who take an active part in political management, or in political campaigns."

Chairman Black says that the commission, however, is limited, and extends to the investigation of all acts of alleged improper political activity contrary to the civil service law, on the part of competitive classified employees of the United States and unclassified laborers, and another class of cases within the jurisdiction of the commission, which are acts of alleged political activity on the part of officials outside of the competitive classified service, but within the departmental or executive civil service, as declared by executive orders.

Hooper On the Fence. Nashville, Tenn., February 28.—Governor Ben Hooper, one of the nine State Executives announced as a Taft adherent, and who recently announced his candidacy for renomination on the Republican ticket, today issued a statement in which he said he would keep "hands off" in the Tennessee fight for delegates to the Republican National Convention. Sentiment among Tennessee Republicans is divided between Roosevelt and Taft.

Each Gets Two Delegates. Excelsior Springs, Mo., February 28.—President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, against the opposition of the majority, were elected delegates to the Chicago convention, instructed to vote for the nomination of President Taft. The delegates elected were J. W. Tolbert, State chairman; J. Duncan, State United States marshal; J. R. Levy and W. T. Andrews. The latter two are negroes.

One Wing Indorses Taft. Columbia, S. C., February 29.—One of the two self-styled regular Republican organizations in South Carolina to-day held its convention and indorsed its support to the renomination of President Taft. The convention selected four delegates to the Chicago convention, instructed to vote for the nomination of President Taft. The delegates elected were J. W. Tolbert, State chairman; J. Duncan, State United States marshal; J. R. Levy and W. T. Andrews. The latter two are negroes.

Two Small Fires. Children who were taking a ball which had been lost yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock dropped a lighted match on a lounge in the home of Mrs. Charles Buchanan, 119 South Harrison Street, and started a fire, which did slight damage. It was extinguished by the Fire Department with the use of chemicals.

Small damage was also done by fire of unknown origin in the home of Floyd Brown, colored, 711 St. James Street, about 7:30 o'clock.

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News of South Richmond

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What is expected to be the largest gathering of the voters of the Southside since the days of annexation will be held to-night at the Lafayette Hall. The most important question before the club is the report of the special committee who met Monday night for the purpose of deciding upon the advisability of the organization supporting a number of candidates in the approaching municipal primary. Since the action of the committee in meeting behind closed doors speculation has been on every tongue. Guesses after guess has been made, but nobody seems to know what is in the air.

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Every voter in the ward is invited to be present at to-night's meeting, which will be open. Every one will have a voice in the discussion.

To Consider Incorporation. For the purpose of sounding the taxpayers of Woodland Heights as to their views on incorporation, a committee of four the last night appointed by the Woodland Heights Improvement League at a meeting held at the store of R. O. Wood, Twenty-third and Semmes Avenue. At the same time a motion to seek annexation with the city of Richmond was defeated by a decisive vote.

The meeting was called to order by M. C. Mann, chairman. Various committees appointed at the initial meeting of the league reported. The committee on lights offered a proposition of the Virginia Railway and Power Company to furnish arc lights to the suburb at the rate of \$5 a light per month. This report was laid over until a later meeting.

A report that funds for the erection of a school could be secured at a low rate of interest from the Board of Public Instruction was made. Among the other business transacted was the appointment of a committee on by-laws and publicity. The first and third Thursday nights were determined upon as meeting nights.

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Grants Temporary Injunction. A prayer for a temporary injunction against George W. Blankenship and Green B. Nichols was yesterday granted by Judge E. H. Wells, of the Hustings Court. Part 2. Blankenship, who is the deputy City Constable, is restrained from further proceeding on a judgment recovered by Nichols against J. G. Bangie. An indemnifying bond of \$12 was required of Bangie to cover any losses incurred should the injunction be dissolved.

Preparing Report. For the past few days Clerk Walter E. DuVal, of the Hustings Court, Part 2, has been working on the annual report of the court, which will be forwarded to the Auditor of Public Accounts. The report covers all money paid into the treasury of the State of Virginia, all recorded deeds and all suits entered. It will show that during the past six months nearly 30 deeds have been recorded, and that sixteen common law suits have been entered.

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Increase in new work in February, 1912, as compared with February, 1911, amounts to \$32,976.00; increase in alterations and repairs work in February, 1912, as compared with February, 1911, amounts to \$1,070.00, making a total increase of all work authorized in February, 1912, as compared with February, 1911, of \$34,046.00.

been entered. No report of criminal cases is made.

Caught After Long Chase. A chase for two chicken thieves, which led through two counties and kept the fugitives with their noses to the ground, ended last night with the capture of S. J. Zajan and John Komanski, two Poles, by County Officer Flynn, of Chesterfield, near Rapid Pines. Financed by the victim of the fowl larceny, Officer Flynn had two bloodhounds at his disposal and had their pair of Poles kicking up the dust on the run for three days.

The two men entered the fancy chicken farm of A. S. Archer at Robious on Monday night, and another of the cries of their victims made off with a dozen or more of Mr. Archer's best broilers. Bloodhounds trailed them fifteen miles to the spot where they took to a wagon. Although the hounds failed on the wagon tracks, the county officers were on the job, and cranking up their fired limbs legged it to Richmond and found the cart with the fat wheel. Determined investigation disclosed the whereabouts yesterday evening, and last night they lodged in the City Jail.

Death of Mr. Green. The funeral of J. R. Green, who died yesterday morning, will be held this afternoon from the home. Mr. Green, who had been in bad health for several months, is survived by his wife and several children. He was a member of the Deacons Street Methodist Church and the Stuart Lodge, I. O. O. F. The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Baseball Schedule Complete. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., February 28.—The Lynchburg High School baseball team has just completed its spring schedule, which is as follows: April 6, Jefferson School, at Charlottesville; April 8, Chatham Training School, at Chatham (two games); April 12, Chatham Training School, at Lynchburg; April 20, Clifton Springs Academy, at Clifton Springs; April 27, Roanoke High School, at Lynchburg; May 11, Randolph Macon Academy, at Bedford City; May 12, Jefferson School, at Lynchburg; May 18 and May 25 open.

GAINS \$76,000 BY MARRIAGE.

C. F. Corbin Weds to Conquy With Terms of His Father's Will. Mansfield, Mass., February 28.—Chas. Frank Corbin, of New Britain, Conn., who by the terms of his father's will was to receive an additional bequest of \$75,000 if he married within a year, was married to Mrs. Mona Drew Babbitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prince A. Drew, of this town.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. A. J. Hutchins, pastor of the Baptist Church, and the ceremony was performed in the country residence of the bride's parents at 223 Cornhill Street. Only a few intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin left immediately for New York, and will make an extended trip through the Southern States. They will be at home at 64 Maple Street, New Britain, after May 1.

The bride wore a travelling suit of dark blue. Mrs. Corbin is about forty. She lived in Mansfield for several years, and later had charge of the cloak department in a Boston store.

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